

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Yasuyuki DOI, et al.

Confirmation Number: 4255

Application No.: 10/019,437

Group Art Unit: 2675

Allowed: August 01, 2005

Filed: December 31, 2001

Examiner: ALECIA DIANE NELSON

For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DRIVING CIRCUIT, SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE, REFERENCE VOLTAGE BUFFERING CIRCUIT, AND

METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE SAME(AS AMENDED)

COMMENTS RESPONSIVE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §104(e)

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the August 1, 2005 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the stated reasoning.

The Examiner stated that Sasaki fails to provide any teaching regarding each buffer connected to each branch reference voltage wire preventing the current from flowing to each branch reference voltage wire. However, more correctly, Sasaki fails to provide any teaching regarding each buffer connected to each branch reference voltage wire preventing the current from flowing via (i.e., to or from) each branch reference voltage wire.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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